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RE: APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR AREA 2, PHASE 1

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's December 23, 2002 submittal on the "Transmittal of Responses to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Comments and the Final Certification Report for Area 2, Phase I Former Inactive Flyash Pile, South Field, Carolina Area, East-West Construction Road and Equipment Wheel Wash Facility." Based upon our review, Ohio EPA approves this document.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Waller, or me.

Sincerely,

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